Poverty Alleviation Programmes

†3792. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families living below poverty line in the country, at present;

(b) the yearly amount spent on the poverty alleviation programmes by Government alongwith achievements;

(c) whether Government propose to distribute equally for all the amount spent by the Central and State Governments among all the families living below poverty line with a view to uplifting those families above the poverty line;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) As per the latest estimates (1999-2000) of the Planning Commission, 6.70 crore people in urban areas in the country are living below the poverty line.

(b) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmes, with effect from 01-12-1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who ; have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

In addition to the opening balance of Rs. 556.39 crores (Central + State) transferred from previous urban poverty alleviation programmes as on 1st December 1997, Central funds amounting to Rs.461.00 crores (Rs. 98.63 crores, Rs.158.47 crores, Rs.118.77 crores and Rs.85.13 crores during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively) were released till 31st March 2001. As per the information available with the Ministry till 30th June 2001, the States/UTs

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had incurred an expenditure of Rs. 718 crores under this programme with the following achievements :—

(i) urban poor assisted through micro enterprises — 3.44 lakhs

(ii) urban poor assisted through training — 3.07 lakhs

(iii) mandays of work generated — 379.33 lakhs

(c) to (e) No, Sir as this is not in line with the guidelines of existing schedules.

Policy to Enhance Employment Opportunities

†3793. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy to enhance the avenues of employment in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) :

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has launched a unified centrally sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 1-12-1997, subsuming all previous programmes, with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

Conversion of shops from selected use to general use

3794. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of shops which have been converted from selected use to general use since 23rd February, 1995, in South Zone, year-wise, specifically mentioning the date of conversion and amount charged from conversion;

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